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TAGS: PINT, LE
SUBJECT: LEBANESE SITUATION: 17:30 HOURS LOCAL, JULY 23

1. ARTILLERY AND SMALL ARMS FIRE RESUMED IN HADATH AT ABOUT 15:00 HOURS LOCAL, JULY 23. ONE SMALL ARMS ROUND STRUCK AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN YARZE, AND OTHERS HAVE PASSED OVER THE AREA. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPEAT NO CASUALTIES AT THE RESIDENCE, AND THE AMBASSADOR HAS TAKEN ADEQUATE PRECAUTIONS TO MINIMIZE ANY IMMEDIATE DANGER. IN VIEW OF SITUATION, AMBASSADOR PLANS TO LEAVE HIS RESIDENCE AT YARZE MORNING OF JULY 24 AND MOVE TO APARTMENT IN CHANCERY IN WEST BEIRUT, ASSUMING SECURITY CONDITIONS PERMIT.

2. AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH PRESIDENT SARKIS, WHO HAS INSTRUCTED G-2 JOHNNY ABDU TO GO TO RESIDENCE TO BRIEF AMBASSADOR ON SITUATION. DANY CHAMOUN TELEPHONED AND CLAIMED SYRIANS INITIATED FIRING WITHOUT PROVOCATION. PARKER

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